

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Leonard P. Diana (Reg. No. 29,296) on 10/7/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 9, line 8, change "sheets" to --sheet--.

In claim 16, line 7, change "an" to --a--.

In claim 17, line 8, change "sheets" to --sheet--.

In claim 24, lines 1-2, change "encoding a program containing" to --encoded with computer executable--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record, namely, Yamagishi (U.S. Patent No. 6,690,911) does not disclose, teach or suggest, a first command issuance unit configured to issue a first control command which instructs to execute a 2 sided print processing of the body text data on the print sheets in accordance with the received 2 sided print setup for the tab print sheet; a second command issuance

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unit configured to issue a second control command which instructs to execute a print processing of a front side of the tab print sheet in accordance with the received 2 sided print setup for the tab print sheet; a third command issuance unit configured to issue a third control command which instructs to execute a print processing of a back side of the tab print sheet in accordance with the received 2 sided print setup for the tab print sheet, wherein when the tab print sheet undergoes print processing while inserted among the print sheets, on which the body text data is printed in a 2 sided print mode, and the number of body text pages before the tab print sheet is odd, said first command issuance unit issues a blank page non-billing command that instructs to execute a non-billing blank page print process on a back side of the print sheet on which the body text data immediately before the tab print sheet is printed, and said printer driver stores tab data to be used for locating content to be printed on the tab on the front side of the tab print sheet, and uses the stored tab data in mirror image in case of printing that content on the tab on the back side of the tab print sheet, as recited in independent claim 8.

The closest prior art of record, namely, Yamagishi (U.S. Patent No. 6,690,911) does not disclose, teach or suggest, a first command issuance step of issuing a first control command which instructs to execute a 2 sided print processing of the body text data on the print sheets in accordance with the received 2 sided print setup for the tab print sheet; a second command issuance step of issuing a second control command which instructs to execute a print processing of a front side of the tab print sheet in accordance with the received 2

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sided print setup for the tab print sheet; and a third command issuance step of issuing a third control command which instructs to execute a print processing of a back side of the tab print sheet in accordance with the received 2 sided print setup for the tab print sheet, wherein when the tab print sheet undergoes a print processing while inserted among the print sheets, on which the body text data is printed in a 2 sided print mode, and the number of body text pages before the tab print sheet is odd, said first command issuance step includes a step of issuing a blank page non-billing command that instructs to execute a non-billing blank page print process on a back side of the print sheet on which the body text data immediately before the tab print sheet is printed, and said printer driver stores tab data to be used for locating content to be printed on the tab on the front side of the tab print sheet, and uses the stored tab data in mirror image in case of printing that content on the tab on the back side of the tab print sheet, as claimed in independent claim 16.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dov Popovici whose telephone number is 571-272-4083. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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